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ESTABLISH NEW ENTERPRISES -- Hospodar, No 41, 13 Oct 49

Karlovy Vary Kraj is preparing the establishment of three sheep-breeding combines. Each combine will consist of five sheep stations and will have 10,000 sheep. The individual stations, in each of which will be 2,000 sheep, will be supplemented by a poultry farm. The sheep stations, each of which is estimated to require 300-400 hectares of cultivated land and about 600 hectares of grass-land, will be gradually built in As, Cheb, and Kraslice okres, where there is plenty of space. Ceskoslovenske Statni Statky (Czechoslovak State Farms) will prepare the plans for the construction of the first combine by the end of November 1949.

The construction of the Rozmberk Gigant, with ten pavilions for 10,000 pigs, is proceeding according to plan. The concrete foundations of all pavilions will soon be finished and walling will be gradually begun. The construction of all buildings is to be finished by 15 December 1949.

A large cooperative baking and confectionery enterprise, "Vykvet," will be soon established in Ceske Budejovice. It will employ about 50 bakers and confectioners and will supply the city with bread.

TO INCREASE SUGAR BEET OUTPUT -- Hospodar, No 44, 3 Nov 49

The quotient of purity of sugar beet extract exceeds 90 at the present time.

High output of productive beet roots (5 to 60 tons per hectare), high sugar content (over 22 percent in the super sugar beet), and a record sugar output (up to 10 tons per hectare) have recently been achieved on experimental parcels by suitable methods.

The output of the Czechoslovak variety of sugar beet in experiments varies according to the weather: Root output varies between 25 and 45 tons per hectare.

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Leaf output varies between 15 and 25 tons per hectare.

Sugar content varies between 17 and 21 percent.

Sugar output varies between 4 and 7 tons per hectare.

Lowering the sugar content of the beet by one percent would mean lowering sugar output by 7 percent, that is, by 42,000 tons of sugar out of the yearly production of about 600,000 tons.

Since World War II, planting and harvesting of sugar beets have been as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Area (ha)</u>	<u>Harvest (tons)</u>
1945-46	150,500	2,727,400
1946-47	161,000	3,847,200
1947-48	170,500	2,047,900
1948-49	170,400	3,802,300

With greater efforts, the area sown in beets will soon exceed 200,000 hectares and beet production will exceed 5 million tons.

PARDUBICE KRAJ TO GROW 2,800 HECTARES OF SUGAR BEETS -- Hospodar, No 44, 3 Nov 49

Of the increased sugar beet planting, 2,800 hectares fall within Pardubice Kraj. This area has been subdivided among the okres as follows. (in hectares): Caslav 600, Holice 400, Chotebor 20, Chrudim 600, Lanskroun 10, Litomysl 100, Pardubice 370, Prelouc 400, and Vysoke Myto 300.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UNDER WAY -- Hospodar, No 46, 17 Nov 49

The Kraj National Committee of Jihlava is preparing the expansion of state farms. Work on the construction of a feeding center for pigs in Lipa has already begun and is to be finished before the end of 1949.

The distilleries in Strakonice Okres plan higher production in 1950. The agricultural cooperative distillery in Steken will build a new potato-drying plant and a new warehouse. The farmers' cooperative distillery in Repice will establish a new potato warehouse.

Construction and installation work at the state station for production of vaccines against the foot-and-mouth disease and the foot rot in Terezin Okres has been completed. The equipment of the vaccine station will be moved here from Brno and operations will begin in November 1949.

The work on the construction of the Rozmberk Gigant in Trebon Okres was begun at the end of September 1949. The masonry work has already been largely completed and the roof framework has been installed on five pavilions. Concrete groundwork has been completed in five other pavilions, and at present the interior of the first five pavilions is being worked on.

HOP OUTPUT DECLINES -- Hospodar, No 48, 1 Dec 49

The following amounts of hops have been purchased so far in 1949 (in customs centners): Zatec hops, 72,534; Usti hops, 7,469; Roudnice hops, 5,011; Dubsko hops, 25; and Trstice hops, 602.

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The total output amounted to 85,641 customs centners and was 10 percent smaller than the output in 1948.

The lower output per hectare and lower harvest in 1949 seem to be world-wide.

To meet these conditions, the Czechoslovak breweries saved 4,500 customs centners of hops through greater efficiency, thus making possible an increase in the export quota.

To effect an additional saving, the breweries have agreed to receive a supply which will last until 30 September 1950 rather than until 31 October 1950, as previously required. This agreement has been made under the condition that the October supply will be delivered in September 1950. A total of 3,500 customs centners of hops will be saved by this arrangement. Together with the 4,500 customs centners mentioned above, the total increase in the export quota, therefore, will amount to 8,000 customs centners, which will be sent mainly to the hard-currency areas. The saving of the breweries represents 50,000,000 crowns.

Great care will be devoted to the renovation of hop fields in the coming years.

EGG OUTPUT UP -- Hospodar, No 48, 1 Dec 49

The average output of eggs per hen in September 1949 was 7.5 eggs. On 15 September there were 11,579,635 hens in the entire country, which gave a total of 87,373,201 eggs for the month. A total of 1,253,000,000 eggs were laid from 1 January to 30 September 1949. This is 23.3 percent more than during the same period of 1948. The government purchased 13,318,674 eggs in September and 571,670,145 eggs from 1 January to 30 September. In addition, poultry enterprises in the Czech Provinces purchased 1,388,066 eggs on the free market in September.

Czechoslovakia imported 2 million eggs and 2,500 tons of poultry from Poland in 1948. It imported only 700 tons of poultry from Poland in 1947.

Experiments are being carried out on preserving poultry meat by smoking. A total of 16.75 kilograms of meat have been obtained from roosters weighing 46.54 kilograms.

By 19 November 1949 in the Czech Provinces 31,158 carloads of wheat (65 percent of the planned purchase), 36,162 carloads of rye (72 percent), 13,482 carloads of barley (56 percent), and 3,307 carloads of oats (31 percent) had been purchased. In Slovakia, 14,743 carloads of wheat (91 percent), 9,506 carloads of rye (59 percent), 9,505 carloads of barley (73 percent), and 1,485 carloads of oats (57 percent) had been purchased.

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